

WEEKLY BULLETIN

10 April 2017

This Week's Highlights

- Procedures for the relocation and rehabilitation of hazard-risk settlements approved by NRA Executive Committee Members on Friday, 7th April ([Nepali](#))
- [1st tranche distribution in Kaski District has begun and will launch in the other 16 districts from 10th to 15th April](#)
- [MoFALD released an update on grant disbursement on 6th April \(English Translation\)](#)
- Election Code of Conduct, [Nepali and unofficial English translation available on Wednesday](#)
- List of households eligible to receive the GoN housing reconstruction grant available on the [DoLIDAR website](#)
- [MoFALD have released on 4th April, details of the new administrative divisions](#)
- [Coordination workshop to accelerate the reconstruction of the houses in the community, Sukute VDC, Sindhupalchok, Monday, 10th April](#)
- Congratulations to the Medair team in Ramechhap who have secured expansion of their recovery project and will be providing the full Technical Assistance (TA) package, of 6 activities, for all wards in Bijulikot VDC, Ramechhap – this brings the number of [fully covered VDCs up to 25 \(4% coverage\)](#)
- Sharing [four low cost house designs](#) approved by NRA recently, two designs are still undergoing further review with MoUD CL-PIU
- [BBC Media Action Data Portal](#) – nationally representative datasets show people's attitudes towards their country, how they feel they are adapting to changes in climate and how they use media and information
- Northern Areas Technical Session [presentations](#) and [reference documents](#) available
- [Community Feedback on Food Security and Livelihoods](#)
- HRRP General Meeting, Anniversary Edition, 21st April, 2pm – mark the date and keep an eye out for the invitation!



NRA CEO, Dr. Govinda Pokharel, disbursing the first tranche of the housing reconstruction grant in Lumle VDC, Kaski.

General Updates

[MoFALD have released on 4th April, details of the new administrative divisions](#)

[HRRP Media Digest](#), some interesting articles include:

[I/NGOs told to follow election code](#): Gorkha District Coordination Committee (DCC) has directed the I/NGOs there to follow the election code of conduct and has told them to halt the distribution of aid and relief materials in earthquake-affected villages.

[Local polls bring job opportunity for many](#): the government is planning to recruit approximately 70,000 temporary police, or Myadi Prahari, and people across the country have been queuing up to register for the role. The Myadi Prahari will be expected to work for 55 days from the date of selection (expected to be Sunday, 9th April) and will be paid “around 55,000 NPRs” according to Sub-inspector Ram Chandra Bhandari of the Metropolitan Police Range, Teku.

[NRA asks NRB to relax process for concessional loan](#): there are concessional loans of up to Rs 2.5 million in the Kathmandu Valley and Rs 1.5 million in other quake-affected areas available to households eligible for the GoN housing reconstruction grant. NRA spokesperson, Yam Lal Bhoosal, informed that banks and financial institutions have so far released around Rs500 million in the concessional loans and that the number of people seeking the loans is increasing, and could go up substantially if the NRB made the loan process simpler. The NRA has written to the NRB to request that they to ease the process

[German minister praises Nepal’s community forestry](#): during a press conference on April 5th, German Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Barbara Hendricks, spoke of her appreciation for Nepal’s community forestry model and said Nepal could proudly share its expertise in this area. Ms. Hendricks, who led a German delegation on a four day visit to Nepal from 2-5 April, also said that Germany is eager to support a Himalayan Regional Conference on Soil Conservation in Kathmandu this year.

[Support to MoUD CL-PIU for typical non-compliance review](#): HRRP technical coordinators, as well as a structural engineer from Build Change, are working with MoUD CL-PIU engineers and architects to review 10 typical non-compliant RCC structures. The information on the structures has been submitted by DL-PIU engineers and the review will now structurally analyse these to determine if they fulfil NBC requirements. If so, they will be approved and the design and drawings will be finalised and shared to the districts. It is estimated that this process will take 3 weeks to complete. Partners interested to get further information or support the process may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org.

[Reminder – NRA Communications Activities Mapping](#): the NRA Communications Working Group are rethinking the way communications for the reconstruction are being conducted and working to improve the dissemination process to enhance its effectiveness. A mapping of current communications activities is being carried out and all POs who are conducting such activities are requested to complete the following table and send to Dinesh Pande, NRA Communications Focal Point, dineshpandeya52@gmail.com:

Name of organisation	Areas/sectors of communication support	Coverage	Type of communication materials produced	Means of dissemination	Period of support

[NRA 5W Reporting:](#) to date only 79 out of 131 partners have reported to the NRA 5W system. We urge partners who have not reported to share their data as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact Gaurab Pradhan, gaurab@hrrpnepal.org, for more information. Once the NRA 5W is fully up and running the HRRP 4W will be phased out.

Meetings and Events

[HRRP General Meeting, Anniversary Edition, 21st April, 2pm:](#) this will provide a chance for reconstruction actors to come together and reflect on the last 2 years, and to hear some updates from HRRP, NRA, MoUD and MoFALD. Please mark the date and keep an eye out for the invitation confirming the location.

[Northern Areas Technical Session:](#) MoUD CL-PIU informed that they are working on a dry stone masonry design to address common construction typologies in Northern Areas. A 'corrections and exceptions' manual is also being developed which will support rectification work for houses that are non-compliant. MoUD CL-PIU and DUDBC are planning to publish a third volume of the design catalogue including designs from POs which have been approved, now 21 designs. It was decided to have a small working meeting to review roofing approaches and how to support households to have safe roofs using traditional materials such as slate.

[NRA Housing Technical Working Group:](#) A 'corrections and exceptions' manual and a compliance scoring system for inspection have been drafted and are going through expert review and may be published in the coming week. Partners interested to get further information or support the group may contact Narayan Marasini, HRRP National Technical Coordinator, techcord.national@hrrpnepal.org.

[Donor Meeting, Concept for Technical Assistance in the 17 Districts:](#) HRRP took part in an initial meeting between donors and NRA on Thursday, 6th April regarding the approach for technical assistance in the 17 districts. The concept is still at a very early stage and we will share further information as it is available. Please feel free to contact the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org, if you have any questions related to this.

[Coordination workshop to accelerate the reconstruction of the houses in the community, Sukute VDC, Sindhupalchok, Monday, 10th April:](#) the programme is being supported by SABAL and the participants are MoUD DL-PIU engineers, Rural Municipality Executive Officers, and the staff of POs working in that area. The programme starts at 8:30am and runs to 5:30pm. Please contact Aarju Basnet, techcord.sindhupalchok@hrrpnepal.org, if you require further information on this event.

[Election Code of Conduct Meeting, Gorkha, 6th April:](#) the meeting was organised by the District Coordination Committee (DCC) and the DLSA and attended by district authorities, press, election commission, and POs. It was agreed during the meeting that reconstruction activities that have been approved by the NRA can proceed smoothly (e.g. schools, health posts, etc.). Distribution activities (seeds, goat, agriculture instruments, and cash) should be stopped in the run up to the election. Any ongoing training, especially masons training (short and vocational), can continue but should take a low profile, and no new trainings should start before the elections. Where Cash for Work programmes are ongoing, partners were discouraged from giving cash in hand and requested to disburse the cash through bank accounts instead. New Cash for Work schemes should not be started prior to the elections. Requests to continue activities which cannot be postponed can be submitted to the DCC who will coordinate with the election commission to determine if the activity can go ahead or not. Even if activities are approved, the DCC suggested to maintain a low profile when conducting the activities and to stop immediately if there is any sign of impact on the election code of conduct.

[Roundtable discussion on promoting safer building and supporting safer self-recovery in Nepal:](#) organised by the [Promoting Safer Building Programme](#), a multidisciplinary research study being carried out by an alliance between CARE

International UK (CARE UK), Overseas Development Institute (ODI), University College London-EPICentre and the British Geological Survey (BGS). The roundtable is taking place on the 1st May, from 9:30am to 5:30pm at the Hotel Himalaya. Anyone interested to attend can register for the event [here](#).

[Naya Surya 'Nettle Concrete' Workshop](#): taking place in Bhaktapur on May 1st and 2nd. Please contact info@nayasurya.org for further details.

Useful Documents

[Lists of HHs eligible to receive the GoN housing reconstruction grant](#): available for [Dhading](#), [Gorkha](#), [Kavre](#), [Makwanpur](#), [Nuwakot](#), [Okhaldhunga](#), [Ramechhap](#), [Rasuwa](#), [Sindhuli](#), [Sindhupalchowk](#), and [Dolakha](#).

[Election Code of Conduct, Nepali and unofficial English translation available on Wednesday](#): A lack of clarity around the correct implementation of the Electoral Code of Conduct is causing confusion for Development Partners – there appear to be different interpretations of the Code of Conduct, varying by district around what is and is not permissible. Ongoing political uncertainty around central level politics, protests by the Federal Alliance and the possibility of postponing elections do not presently seem to be having any significant impact in earthquake affected districts. However, should protests begin in earnest, it is possible that the broader cluster of 31 EQ districts could be impacted. Any partners experiencing any delays / challenges because of this are requested to inform either the relevant HRRP district coordinator, or the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org.

[Summary Report, Baliyo Ghar Programme Activities, Dolakha District](#): provides details on the technical assistance activities under the National Society for Earthquake Technology-Nepal's (NSET) Baliyo Ghar programme in Dolakha district.

[BBC Media Action Resources](#): [KathMaala](#), a radio drama about a female mason, [Milijuli Nepali \(Together Nepal\)](#), a radio programme providing people affected by the Nepal earthquake with practical, actionable information on shelter, sanitation, food, water, health and employment, [Sajha Sawal](#), a weekly TV debate programme, and the [BBC Media Action Data Portal](#).

[Community Feedback on Food Security and Livelihoods](#): the latest report from the Common Feedback Project reflects an overall improvement in respondents' perception of their food security, as well as positive indicators that livelihoods affected by the earthquake are beginning to recover. However, taking loans comes out at the top of the list of coping strategies communities are employing to recover their livelihoods and water shortages continue to impact on all aspects of life, including agricultural productivity.

[Nepal's Emerging Data Revolution, Development Initiatives](#): a report that outlines perspective on the important role that Nepal's local community of data enthusiasts have played in progress towards improved sharing and use of data, and the potential for their continued leadership in this agenda. It also briefly references the work of donors and INGOs in supporting Nepal's Data Revolution. The report is accompanied by a [blog](#).

[First Advance Estimate of 2016/17 Wheat Production in Nepal](#): a preliminary estimate which will be revised with updated crop planted area and climate data as the season progresses. The report is a joint product of the Ministry of Agricultural Development (MoAD), World Food Programme (WFP), and the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS). The CCAFS Regional Agriculture Forecasting Toolbox (CRAFT) is being piloted as part of the Nepal Food Security Monitoring System (NeKSAP) and is a new initiative to incorporate crop yield forecasting

in Nepal with technical support from CCAFS South Asia.

[Supporting Markets in Post-Earthquake Nepal:](#) lessons learned from CRS support to markets and vendors across five secondary markets in three districts and 33 VDCs between July and November 2015. A total of 405 vendors, engaged in a variety of businesses like grocery, construction material, hotels, restaurants, clothes, electronics, etc., were supported through a combination of cash and/or material inputs.

[Functional Unbundling Report:](#) sets out in more detail than the constitution which functions and responsibilities will sit at which levels of government, after federal restructuring. It is being used as the basis for draft legislation on local governance, a new inter-governmental fiscal transfer system and a new civil service act. The report is also available on the [website of the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers](#) and an English translation is being prepared which will be shared as soon it is complete. We have had reports that uncertainty about how local level restructuring will work in practice has left development and reconstruction partners struggling with planning. Please feel free to contact the HRRP National Coordinator, Loren Lockwood, loren.lockwood@hrrpnepal.org, if you are experiencing difficulties with this.

[NRA MIS Training Reporting Format:](#) partners are requested to use the format for training records and to submit one copy to MoUD DL-PIU, and HRRP district team who will submit to NRA MIS. For already complete trainings, the HRRP district team are converting existing records to the new format.

[NRA Grievance Handling Reports:](#) for each of the fourteen districts, updated on a regular basis. An English summary table is available [here](#).

[MoUD CL-PIU MIS portal:](#) district-wise overview of inspection and reconstruction progress from DL-PIU engineers' reports. A translation of the headers is available [here](#).

[Updated contact details for incumbent Rural Municipality, Sub-Metropolitan, and Metropolitan CEOs in the Kathmandu Valley](#)

[Ward Officer Contact Details \(Nepali\), Bhaktapur](#)

[Contact details for District Focal Points for DL-PIU engineers:](#) district focal points will be able to provide contact details for DL-PIU engineers at VDC level.

[HRRP Briefing Pack:](#) highlights particularly useful documents to support people and organisations new to the Nepal earthquake recovery and reconstruction understand the context, the actors involved, and the standards to be followed.

[Q&A:](#) new questions to be included can be shared to info@hrrpnepal.org or through the HRRP district coordinators at any time. Nepali version of Community FAQs also available.

Information Products

Updated [HRRP Dashboard](#), based on [R28 of HRRP 4W, 25th March 2017](#)

[Technical Assistance Maps:](#) four maps illustrating coverage of technical assistance and training have been prepared based on the March 25th HRRP 4W data.

[Coverage of 6 Activity Technical Assistance Package](#)

[Areas with no Technical Assistance, with Damage Overlay](#)
[Vocational Training \(50-day CTEVT curriculum\) Coverage](#)
[Short Training \(7-day DUDBC curriculum\) Coverage](#)

[Draft map of damaged house locations and damage grade, by altitude](#)

[Coverage of helpdesks / technical resource centres as per HRRP 10th March 4W data](#)

District Profiles based on 10th March 4W data:

[Dhading](#)
[Dolakha](#)
[Gorkha](#)
[Kathmandu Valley](#)
[Kavrepalanchok](#)
[Makwanpur](#)
[Nuwakot](#)
[Okhaldhunga](#)
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